GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1214
ANSWERED ON:10.03.2005
GAUGE CONVERSION OF NFR
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress on gauge conversion works in different section of Northeast Frontier Railways, especially on the Rangya Murkong Selek section; and

(b) the time by which the works on different sections are likely to be completed and the reasons for delay?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1214 BY SH. M.K. SUBBA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.03.2005 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION OF NFR.

(a) & (b): The progress of ongoing gauge conversion projects under Northeast Frontier Railway alongwith target date of completion, wherever fixed, is as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Year of inclusion in the Budget	Anticipated cost	Remarks alongwith target for completion wherever fixed.
1.	Rangiya-Murkongselek along with linked fingers.	2003-04	915.70	Preparation of plans and estimate has been taken up.
2.	New Jalpaiguri-Siliguri-New Bongaigaon including linked branch lines.	1997-98	894.38	New Jalpaiguri-Gosalgaonhat (218 Kms) has already been commissioned. Work in balance section (62 Kms) on main line is in advance stage of completion and is targeted for 2004-05. Works in branch lines are also in progress.
3.	Lumding-Silchar including alignment between Migrendisa-Ditokchara and extension from Badarpur to Bhariagram.	1996-97	1496.42	Earthwork, bridge works & tunneling is in progress. This project has been declared as "National Project". The work is targeted for completion by March'09.
4.	Katihar-Jogbani & Katihar-Barsoi-Radhikapur	2001-02	402.98	Earthwork, bridge works are in progress. Barsoi- Radhikapur (53 Kms.) is likely to be completed in 2005-06.
5.	Lumding-Dibrugarh Gauge Conversion	2003-04	882.11	Lumding-Dibrugarh Gauge Conversion project and linked fingers completed except Haibargaon-

project. with linked fingers & Haibargaon-Mairabari and Senchoa-Silghat Town.			Mairabari & Senchoa-Silghat. Detailed estimate has been sanctioned. Earthwork and bridge works are in progress.
6. Katakhal-Bhairabi	1998-99	89	The physical work is proposed to be taken up at the appropriate time to match with completion of Gauge Conversion work of Lumding-Silchar-Jiribam.

The works are being progressed as per the availability of resources.